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November 2, 1998

Jennifer H. Boyt General Counsels Office Federal Election Commission 999 E St., NW Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4821

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Dear Ms. Bovt:

Per our discussion, I am writing in response to the complaint received by the Federal Election Commission alleging that I have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 ("the Act").

The complaint relates to contributions to Rick Lazio, candidate for the 2nd Congressional District in New York. In reviewing the complaint it appears that the alleged violation relates to contributions made in 1995 and 1996. On "page 5 of 18" of the complaint attachment entitled "Individual Contributor Data 1995-1996 Lazio" there are three entries indicating that I personally contributed a total of \$2,500 to Mr. Lazio's campaign.

This information is erroneous in several respects. First, I only contributed \$500 to Mr. Lazio's campaign (on 9/27/96) during this time period. Separate and apart from this contribution, I forwarded two additional contributions to Mr. Lazio's campaign on behalf of two separate partnerships. On March 31, 1995 I forwarded to Mr. Lazio a \$1,000 contribution on behalf of 121 State Street Associates, a New York partnership. Attached is a copy of the canceled check and a list of each contributing partner and their proportionate share of ownership of the

partnership. On September 27, 1996, I forwarded to Mr. Lazio's campaign a \$500 contribution on behalf of Arrowhead Commons Partners, also a New York partnership. I have likewise attached a copy of the canceled check and a list of each contributing partner of Arrowhead Commons and their proportionate share of the partnership.

My records reflect only these three contributions during the 1995 and 1996 election cycle. Each of which was in compliance with the Act. It appears that the two "4/21/95" contributions noted in the complaint attachment are actually duplicative of the single March 31, 1995 contribution. In view of the aforementioned, it is quite clear that no action should be taken against myself or any of the individuals who participated in the two partnerships which made said contributions.

I hope this provides assistance in your review of this matter. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours.

HINMAN, STRAUB, PIGORS & MANNING, P.C.

Sean M. Doolan

SMD:kmw Attachment

## Arrowhead Commons Partners - \$500.00

| John J. Lynch -        | 10% | \$50.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
|------------------------|-----|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Stephen M. Cleary -    | 10% | \$50.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Bartley J. Costello -  | 10% | \$50.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Philip T. Dunne -      | 13% | \$65.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Harold C. Hanson -     | 7%  | \$35.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| William F. Sheehan -   | 8%  | \$40.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| David J. Oakley -      | 9%  | \$45.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Paul M. Collins -      | 6%  | \$30.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Peter L. Rupert -      | 5%  | \$25.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Linda C. Maffia -      | 5%  | \$25.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Evan C. Regal -        | 5%  | \$25.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Bruce N. Gyory -       | 4%  | \$20.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Christopher C. Booth - | 2%  | \$10.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Michael E. Vacek -     | 4%  | \$20.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Thomas D. Latin -      | 2%  | \$10.00 | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |

Total: 100% \$500.00

## 121 State Street Associates - \$1,000.00

| John J. Lynch -       | 18.5% | \$185.00   | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
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| Stephen M. Cleary -   | 18.5% | \$185.00   | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Bartley J. Costello - | 9.5%  | \$ 95.00   | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Philip T. Dunne -     | 6.5%  | \$ 65.00   | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Harold C. Hanson -    | 12.5% | \$125.00   | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| William F. Sheehan -  | 5.5%  | \$ 55.00   | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Joseph Boochever -    | 18.5% | \$185.00   | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Paul M. Collins -     | 5%    | \$ 50.00   | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Peter L. Rupert -     | 5.5%  | \$ 55.00   | 121 State Street Albany, NY 12207 |
| Total:                | 100%  | \$1,000.00 |                                   |

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